UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

SCOTT C., a minor individual, by and

through his parents and natural

guardians, SHARON C. AND PETER C. No. 02-CV-4023

and SHARON C. AND PETER C., individually:

Plaintiffs,

V.

COLONIAL INTERMEDIATE UNIT 20

Defendant.

MOTION TO DISMISS PURSUANT TO FEDERAL RULE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 12(b)(6)

ANDAND NOW, comes the Defendant, COLONIAL INTERMEDIATE UNIT 20, AND NOW throughthrough their attorneys, King, Spry, Hethrough their attorneys, King, Spry, H Honorable Honorable Court the following Motion Honorable Court the following Motion Fed. Civ. R. 12(b)(6) and in support thereof avers the following:

- 1. PlaintiffsPlaintiffs Sharon C. and Peter C.Plaintiffs Sharon C. and Peter C. have bro sonson Scott, who is a seventson Scott, who is a seventeenson Scott, who is Bethlehem Area School District.
- 2. Defendant Defendant Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 Defendant Colonial Intermedia serviceservice functions on behalf of a number of service functions on behalf Bethlehem Area School District (BASD).

- 3. PlaintiffPlaintiffs Plaintiffs ComplPlaintiffs Complaint alleges that CIU 20 is an Loo obligated bligated to provide a obligated to provide a Free Approbligated to provide a Plaintiff.
- 4. Plaintiff sPlaintiff s Complaint also alleges violation of §504 of the RehabilitaPlain Violation of IDEA and §1983.
- 5. Plaintiff sPlaintiff s Complain Plaintiff s Complaint Plaintiff s Complaint requests damages, redact Scott C. s educational records and award attorney s fees.
- 6. CountCount I of PlCount I of PlaintiCount I of Plaintiffs Complaint attempts to a §504 of the Rehabilitation Act. (Plaintiff's Complaint, ¶45-50)
- 8. CountCount II of Plaintiff's Complaint attemptsCount II of Plaintiff's Complaint atter Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA). (Complaint, ¶51-54)
- 9. Inin Count II, Plaintiffs claim that CIU hasin Count II, Plaintiffs claim that CIU has faile the least restrictive environment. (Complaint, ¶54)
- 10. CountCount III of PlaCount III of PlaintCount III of Plaintiff's Complaint attempts t §1983. (Complaint, ¶55-59)

- 11. Inin Count III, Plaintiffs claim that CIU 20 hasin Count III, Plaintiffs claim that CIU 20 unlunlawfulunlawful activities and that it deprived Scott C. of his right to FAPE least restrictive environment. (Complaint, ¶56)
- 12. PlaintiffPlaintiff has filed the identical Complaint againstPlaintiff has filed the identical Scheduled for trial on January 10, 2003.

COUNT I

- 13. Plaintiffs Plaintiffs Complaint fails to Plaintiffs Complaint fails to state a cause of acuse of the Rehabilitation Act for the following reasons:
 - TheThe Bethlehem School District, not CIU 20 is theThe Bethlehem Sch responsible for compliance with §504 and IDEA;
 - b.b. BeyondBeyond its prohibition of discrimination, Beyond its prohibition of data as basis for affirmative relief to thea basis for affirmative relief to Community College v. Davis, 442 (1979);
 - c. PlaintiffsPlaintiffs have failed to exhaust their administrativePlaintiffs have the CIU 20;

COUNT II

- 14. Plaintiffs Plaintiffs ComplaintPlaintiffs Complaint fails to state a cause of action a under IDEA for the following reasons:
 - a. The Bethlehem School District, not CIU The Bethlehem School District responsible for compliance with IDEA;
 - b.b. BASDBASD hasBASD has the primaryBASD has the primary responsibility for appropriate educational program for Scott C.;

C. Plaintiffs Plaintiffs have failed to exhaust their administrative Plaintiffs have the CIU 20;

COUNT III

- 15. Plaintiffs Plaintiffs ComplaintPlaintiffs Complaint fails to state a cause of action a under §1983 for the following reasons:
 - a.a. Any liability pura. Any liability pursuaa. Any liability pursuant to §1983 is p therefore must fail for the same reasons as the IDEA cause of action.
 - b.b. Section 1983b. Section 1983 does not confer substantive rights,b. Section 198 deprivation deprivation of those deprivation of those rights elsewhere secured. W. Cir. 1995)
 - c.c. In order for liabilityc. In order for liability to be imposed, there must havec. persistent persistent and widespread unconstitutional practices by Defenpersiste DistrictDistrict that had become so permanent and District that had become so pe andand effect of law. Monell, 436 U.S., 436 U.S. at 691;, 436 U.S. at 691; Jane Doe A. v. of St. Louis Co., 901 F.2d 642, 646 (8th Cir. 1990).
 - d.d. Proof of d. Proof of the mere existence of an unlawful policy or custom isd. Pr toto maintain a §1983 actito maintain a §1983 action. to maintain a §1983 action proving proving that the municipal proving that the municipal practic suffered.suffered. Losch v. Borough of Parkesburg, Pa.,, 736 F.2d, 736 F.2d 903, 910

WHEREFORE, WHEREFORE, Defendant Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 respecWHEREF judgment be entered in its favor and against the Plaintiffs.

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